

### **Amendments to the Claims:**

Re-write the claims as set forth below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings, of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A kit of parts for use in fabricating an air-conditioning system, comprising:
  - a tubing component having at least two in-line sections with different external diameters;
  - and
  - ~~and~~ a set of connection means, each connection means dimensioned to be joined to the tubing component at a respective section and to enable connection to a pipe of substantially the same diameter as the respective section.
2. (Original) A kit according to Claim 1, wherein each connection means comprises a locking ring.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Currently amended) A method of connecting a tubing component to a pipe of an air-conditioning system, ~~comprising the steps of:~~
  - providing a tubing component with at least two in-line sections with different external diameters;
  - selecting a section of the tubing component with ~~a substantially similar~~ the same diameter ~~to that of~~ as the pipe;
  - when the selected section is not at an end of the tubing component, cutting the tubing component in the vicinity of the selected section so that the selected section is at an end of the tubing component;
  - providing a set of connection means in a range of sizes;
  - selecting a connection means of suitable dimensions for joining to the selected section;
  - and

joining the selected connection means both to the tubing component at the selected section and to the pipe.

5. (Original) A method according to Claim 4, wherein each connection means comprises a locking ring.

6. (New) A kit of parts for use in fabricating an air-conditioning system, comprising:  
a tubing component having at least two in-line sections with different external diameters;  
and  
means for connecting any of the sections of the tubing component to a pipe of substantially the same diameter as the section of the tubing component.